



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John,12: 24-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me."

Our Scripture Reflection

For sure, unless a seed falls to the ground and dies a seedling will not emerge indicating new life. True discipleship is rooted in a radical act of self-denial. Self-denial requires dying to one's old selfish ways in order to rise as a new person totally dedicated to Jesus and His people. Far from being restrictive, self-denial frees one up to love others fully.

Food for your Journey

There are four crosses in the world. There are four things worthy of us giving our lives to and for. The four things are love, truth, justice and beauty. When we take up one of these crosses and follow Jesus, we deny ourselves on behalf of love, on behalf of the pursuit of truth, on behalf of the making of justice, on behalf of the creation of beauty. We deny ourselves and devote ourselves to these things. But we also find ourselves.

--Dean Snyder

A Prayer from the Heart

God of love,

source of mercy and compassion,

weave your dream for the world

into the fabric of our lives. Remove the scales from our eyes and lift the indifference from our hearts so that we may see your vision that will renew the face of the earth. Transform our lives so that we may accomplish your purpose. Amen